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1. The production of nickel wire has not been resumed at SAG Walzwerk fuer Buntmetalle, Hettstedt, since it was discontinued in 1952.
2. In July 1953, the Russians assigned the rolling mill a production quota for aluminum sheet. It must be assumed from the measurements and quality specifications that the sheet metal is intended for consumer goods. Delivery to Russia is to be made within the framework of the trade agreements. The yearly capacity of the rolling mill amounts to 3,000 metric tons. The amount specified by the Russians is 10,000 metric tons. This amount must be delivered in one year. The Russians turned down a request to have the deliveries run over a two-year period.
3. As a result, new installations costing 2,000,000 eastmarks must be built, and the production of drawn sheet for the automobile industry must be cut.

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